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THEATRE ROYAL.
RETURN VISIT OF THE
LONDON LYRIC COMPANY.
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H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.O.M.G.

TO-NIGHT,
(WEDNESDAY), 7th March,
LIBERTY HALL.

TO-MORROW (Thursday), 8th March,
ARTFUL CARDS.

FRIDAY, 9th March,
"JO."

SATURDAY, 10th March,
"CHARLEY'S AUNT".
NEW VARIETIES to follow each play.
Full Orchestra from the Shropshire Regiment under the Leadership of Bandmaster HUMPHREY.

BOXES AS USUAL.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform. Half-price
to Box Seats only.

Doors open at 8.30. Commencing at 9.
A SPECIAL TRAM will run to the
Peak after the Performance.

Box Office at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's,

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Business Manager.

Hongkong, March 7, 1894. 439

LIVING CHESS TOURNAMENT.
IN UNION ORGAN RESTORATION FUND.

Under the Patronage of
H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON and Lady
ROBINSON.

H. E. Major-General DIBBY BARKER and
Mrs. BARKER.

Sir FREDERICK CLARKE and Lady CLARKE.

Commodore BOYES and Mrs. BOYES.

A LIVING CHESS TOURNAMENT.
will be held on the

TENNIS LAWN AT EAST POINT
(Kindly lent by the Hon. J. J. KEEWICK).

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
March 31st.

By Courtesy of Lt.-Col. ROBINSON and
Officers and Men of the Shropshire Light
Infantry will be in attendance.

Admission \$1.00, Children half price.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs.
KELLY and WALSH, Messrs. LANE, GRAW-
FORD & Co., and Messrs. W. POWELL &
Co.

Hongkong, March 5, 1894. 436

Mails.



STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CYLON, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,
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Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

The Steamship RAVENNA, Capt. G. W. F. BROWNE, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 15th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship OCEANA, which Vessel takes her Cargo for LONDON, and SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 7th APRIL, 1894.)

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent,
H. & S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, March 1, 1894. 413

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Mojo..... Tuesday, March 20.

Picidore..... Tuesday, April 3.

Tesone..... Tuesday, May 8.

The Steamship MOGUL, Captain GORDON, sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 24th March, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA via INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canada and United States Points.

General Tariffs of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of The Freight Agent Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office and address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DOODWEIL, GARILLI & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 27, 1894. 594

Not Responsible for Debts.

*Note to the Captain, the Agents, and
Officers and to Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong.*

ANGLO-ITALIAN Brig & masted boats, Capt. Joe Craigie.—David Saseen, Sons & Co.

ARMADA, British ship, Captain Jackson—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOTUS, Italian barque, Captain J. B. Cottrell.—D. Musco.

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Namo.

Captain HARRIS, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 9th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIRAKI & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1894. 444

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

(Calling Offices for landing Passengers
(of sufficient importance offers).

(Taking Charge at through rates to
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-
DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON,
LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship
Lawson.

Captain F. von BINZER,
will be despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 16th Instant, at
4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommo-
dation for First and Second Class Passengers,
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAS, SERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZEZ,
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BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSILLES, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX:

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st March,
1894, at Noon, the Company's
S.S. SYDNÉY, Commandant Asséz,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted still.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 20th March, 1894. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packings are re-
quired.

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G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

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The "plot" is simply another illustration of the fact that the sense of true love does not always run smoothly. The fact that the plot went so very well, as it did, was due chiefly to the efforts of Mr. D. Lynn Hadding (who is a magnificient Chrysanthemum), Miss Stella Leigh, as Daphne Loxton and Miss Marie Brian, as Kitty Merton. It is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Henry Kitti, as Jumbo Hackett, was very amusing, for Mr. Kilian does not require much of a chance to get a laugh out of any audience. His Name, as General Blazer, Mr. Verner, as Sir John Bromsgrove, and Mr. Mallett as Archdeacon Weston were all good, and Mr. D. Smith, as Miles, made the most of his part. Miss Brian played the part of Lady Jones admirably, and all the other parts were well sustained. At the close of the very well-played comedy, there was the usual variety entertainment in Miss Frances Triggs' and Miss Marie Brian's Melodramas. Miss Kilian and Mr. D. Smith deserved applause from a delighted audience. This evening, Mr. B. C. Simon's comedy "Liberty Hall" will be performed.

THE HOLM'S S. TANTALUS ASHORE.

We learn that the s.s. *Tantalus* (Capt. Jones), on her way from Amoy to Hongkong, is ashore at or near the Nippon. As yet very little is known as to the cause of the accident, although the Cheung and Nease report having had to anchor outside in consequence of the thick foggy weather. The *Tantalus* had over a thousand Chinese passengers on board, and these have been landed, we hear, at Foo-tow-mou, about two or three miles from where the *Tantalus* lies. They were put ashore in the ship's boats and fishing junks. The Dock Office at Foo-tow-fish was despatched to the stranded vessel so soon as the news of the accident was received; and, later, the steamer *Socorro* was sent out to render assistance. Captain Jones, of the *Tantalus*, and formerly in command of the *Telegrapher*, has, we believe, never met with an accident before, and he is regarded as one of the most experienced and most careful navigators of the blue-funnel fleet.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Sir William Robinson, the Governor, presided. There were present: Hon. G. T. M. O'Brien, Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. R. M. Ramsey, Harbour Master; Hon. J. H. Stewart Leathart, Registrar General; Hon. G. P. Chater, Hon. J. J. Keswick, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, and Hon. E. R. Bellairs, and Mr. Arachon Seth, Clerk of Council. Absent: Hon. N. G. Mitchell Innes, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. E. Bowden, Public Works Department.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

His Excellency—May I mention that the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer is suffering from fever, and I have excused him from attending to-day.

DOCUMENTS.

The Colonial Secretary laid a large number of official documents and reports on the table.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

The Colonial Secretary—I give notice that at the next meeting of Council I shall move the following resolution:—"That it is desirable to give effect to the suggestion of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that, in view of the fall in exchange, those of the civil servants who are domiciled in the United Kingdom and other countries having a gold standard, and are willing to draw a gold standard, when on leave at the rate of 3/- to the dollar, should be granted such a reasonable allowance as will make the half of their salaries whilst on active service equivalent to the half of their present salaries calculated at the rate of 3/- to the dollar."

MR. WHITEHEAD ASKS SOME QUESTIONS.

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NEW DRAINAGE SEPARATE SYSTEM.

Will the Government furnish the Council with a return showing—

(1) The extent to which the new drainage scheme on the separate system as designed by Mr. Oberthau, C.M.G., has been carried out.

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And further will the Government state whether in the opinion of the responsible Authorities the separate system has worked satisfactorily up to date, and, if not, what are the reasons for the failure, and the remedial measures, if any, it is proposed to adopt?

POST OFFICE.

Will the Government lay upon the table a statement showing the gross income, and the gross expenditure of the Post Office for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893, separately, and any surplus will be retained, and connected still longer, etc., generally?

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OPUM ORDINANCES.

Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the Petition, dated 12th October, 1893, to The Right Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Principal Secretary of State for India, and the Home Secretary, and the China Steamship Navigation Co., Ltd., praying for Government assistance in their efforts to suppress smuggling on board their steamships by causing such amendments to be made in the *Opium* Ordinance, as may be thought necessary and expedient, &c., &c., and a copy of any bill which may have been received thereto?

THE CROWN AGENTS.

In view of the West Indian Colonies, including British Honduras and British Guiana, having recently passed Resolutions through their Legislatures condemning the Crown Agency system as an expensive and wasteful medium for the transaction of their business, and a like feeling obtains amongst a large number of ratepayers in this Colony, will the Government lay upon the table of the earliest possible date a copy of the Parliamentary Paper C. 3075 of 1893, which is said to contain full information as to the arrangements existing between the Colonial office and the Crown Agents?

THE RO LUNG KOK.

Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the Dispatch No. 204 of 22nd October last, from the Right Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India, in connection with my memorial dated 27th June, 1893, praying His Lordship to return Ordinance No. 10 of 1893 to Hongkong for amendment in the directions indicated therein, and to recommend to the Colonial Government, either to remove the Registrar General from the Governing body of the Po Lung Kok, or to invest him with powers adequate to his duties and responsibilities to the women and girls under his care, under Ordinance No. 11 of 1890?

FINANCES.

Will the Government inform the Council that the monies were expended by the Crown Agents in England, on account of the Colony, during 1893.

(2) How much of these were defrayed out of the proceeds of the Colony's recent Gold Loan.

(3) What amount, if any, of our revenue during 1893 has been remitted to, or drawn by, the Crown Agents, from the Colony, to defray their expenses, and the rates of exchange, if any.

(4) Have any monies derived either from revenue in 1893 or from Supreme Court or Remittance Deposits, been remitted to England, or withdrawn from the Colony during the past nine months, for any purpose other than to defray necessary expenditure in England on account of the Colony.

(5) If so, what amount, from what funds derived, at what rates of exchange remitted, how employed in England, and at what rates of interest, under what authority have such remittances been made, and for what reasons.

(6) What amount of the Colonial Government's funds now remain in England, how much thereof is derived from revenue, how much from deposits, and how much from the proceeds of the recent Gold Loan?

His Excellency—Is that all?

Agreed.

His Excellency—I propose to adjourn the Council till to-morrow week.

His Excellency—Yes, sir.

THE NEW LOAN.

Mr. Chater—Having obtained your Excellency's permission I now beg to ask the following questions:—

At a meeting of this Council, held on the 29th August of last year, in answer to certain questions put by an honourable member, we were informed that at that date none of the money received by the Crown Agents in London in respect of our New Gold Loan had either been remitted or drawn for; I should now be glad to know, what is the present state of affairs, and, therefore, beg to ask whether a portion of the sum has yet been remitted, or drawn for, and, if so, at what rate of exchange?

The Colonial Secretary—The answer is—No portion of the loan has been remitted or drawn for (applause).

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Mr. Chater—My next question is:—At a meeting of this Council, held on the 13th Dec. last year, the hon. the Colonial Secretary stated on the subject of the military contribution that it was the opinion of the Government, who were consulted in the United Kingdom, that other countries having a gold standard, and are willing to draw a gold standard, when on leave at the rate of 3/- to the dollar, should be granted such a reasonable allowance as will make the half of their salaries whilst on active service equivalent to the half of their present salaries calculated at the rate of 3/- to the dollar.

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to be visitors, or of any other persons whom His Excellency may appoint or authorize in writing in that behalf.

His Excellency—That will come up when the Bill is in Committee.

The Bill passed the first reading.

NEW BILL.

The first reading was agreed to, on the motion of the Attorney General, of a Bill to amend "The Supreme Court (Senate Jurisdiction) Ordinance, 1873," and Bill to amend "The Jury Consolidation Ordinance, 1887."

THE JAPANESE ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

His Excellency—That ends the business on the agenda paper to-day, but I can hardly call an intermission of international importance, but it is the paying of deference to an English potentate who has made great progress in Western methods. You will have seen from the *Japan Gazette* that on 29th March the Emperor and Empress of Japan celebrated their silver wedding. This is the first occasion, I believe, on which such a celebration has taken place in an Eastern country or by an Eastern potentate. The Emperor of Japan has ruled well and constitutionally in his country for the last twenty-five years, and has extended great hospitality and civility to European travellers and even to the Queen of Great Britain.

The educational system of Japan is founded

upon the principles of Western nations, and not only in the Japanese, tolerant in religious matters, but Buddhist has been disestablished and great respect shown to European beliefs. We have considerable commercial intercourse with Japan, intercourse which is likely to be extended in the future more than diminished. I imagine, owing to the large number of steamers which the Japanese are putting on between Japan and India and America and Australia, and especially in the case of the *Japan* and *China* steamship companies.

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Oscuro (via Nagasaki) ... Wednesday, April 4, Sasebo, Island Sea at daylight.
Kobe, Island Sea (via Nagasaki) ... Wednesday, April 26, Yokohama and Honolulu)

The Steamship BELGIO will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 15th March, at Daylight, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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